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MEMORANDUM

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE
STATE
DATE: 12/4/50

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FROM
THOMAS
(100-100000)

SUBJECT: **CONTACT WITH COMMUNIST CHINA - IMMEDIATE**

REFERENCE: **WARRAV 3717**
INFO: **AMEMBASSY MOSCOW**
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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NOTE FOR SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Contact with Communist China

REF: STATE 202020; WARRAV 3718

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Drafted by

Approving Officer

Comments

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PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION FOLLOWS

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